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Unemployment
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/programmes in the country launched by the Government for eradication of unemployment in the country including Punjab during the last three years and the current year, year and State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase employment opportunity in the Government Sector and public undertakings;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government promote the re-employment of retired personnels;

(e) if so, the details and number of such retired personnels re-employed in the Central Government service and public undertakings during said period; and

(f) whether the Government also proposes to promote the contract labour system so as to reduce the expenditure for salary and other benefits to the employees and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (c): Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation. The physical progress of various schemes is at Annex-I-IV.

Government has also decided to strategically promote labour-intensive manufacturing and expand employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.

For skilling to provide employment, a new Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been established to coordinate the skill activities across Ministries. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 51.50 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2014-15 (upto Feb., 2015) under these schemes.

Government has implemented the National Career Service having a portal (www.ncs.gov.in) for online registration and posting of jobs for job-seekers and provide other employment related services.

(d) & (e): Government recruits retired personnel on a need basis depending on the requirements of the department for augmenting the existing manpower so that the knowledge, expertise and experience of these personnel can contribute to the functioning of Government system. Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) issues guidelines in this regard from time to time. Details of the retired personnels re-employed in the Central Government service and public undertakings are not maintained centrally.

(f): The employment of contract labour is mainly governed by provisions of Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970 and rules of 1971. Further, worker also get benefits under various social welfare legislation like Employees State Insurance Act, 1948, Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, Employees Compensation Act, 1923, Minimum Wages Act, 1948, Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 and Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996.
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